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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Volker Heinrichs *et al.*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election dated November 2, 2001,  
Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendment be considered prior to examination on  
the merits of the above cited-application in view of the following remarks. The following  
documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A transmittal sheet;
- 2) A marked Copy of the amended claims (Appendix A); and
- 3) A courtesy copy of the pending claims (Appendix B).

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding  
previously pending claims of the same number(s):

34. (Amended) An isolated or recombinant polypeptide, comprising:  
the amino acid sequence: CDLPQTHSLG-X<sub>11</sub>-X<sub>12</sub>-RA-X<sub>15</sub>-X<sub>16</sub>-LL-X<sub>19</sub>-QM-X<sub>22</sub>-R-X<sub>24</sub>-S-  
X<sub>26</sub>-FSCLKDR-X<sub>34</sub>-DFG-X<sub>38</sub>-P-X<sub>40</sub>-EEFD-X<sub>45</sub>-X<sub>46</sub>-X<sub>47</sub>-FQ-X<sub>50</sub>-X<sub>51</sub>-QAI-X<sub>55</sub>-X<sub>56</sub>-X<sub>57</sub>-HE-X<sub>60</sub>-X<sub>61</sub>-  
QQTFN-X<sub>67</sub>-FSTK-X<sub>72</sub>-SS-X<sub>75</sub>-X<sub>76</sub>-W-X<sub>78</sub>-X<sub>79</sub>-X<sub>80</sub>-LL-X<sub>83</sub>-K-X<sub>85</sub>-ST-X<sub>88</sub>-L-X<sub>90</sub>-QQLN-X<sub>95</sub>-

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